

*Braley Warns that Seniors Would Be Forced to Pay Govt under Repeal Bill*

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) warned that seniors who received a \$250 check towards prescription drugs under the health care reform law would be required to return that money, according to the text of the repeal bill being considered in the House tonight.

“Regardless of what the Majority Leader said yesterday, the text of his own bill is clear – it calls for repealing the provisions of the health care law and restoring them as if the law had never been enacted. Now, based on what I learned in law school, that means repealing the law and restoring the appropriate funds, in this case those \$250 checks that were distributed and spent by seniors across America,” said Congressman Braley.

“In Iowa alone, we have 39,430 seniors who have received and spent these checks. Now, Republicans are pushing a bill that would force these seniors to write a \$250 check to the government once the repeal is enacted. I don’t know if Mr. Cantor was being intentionally misleading or was just careless when discussing this issue with reporters, but the seniors in my district shouldn’t have to pay the price for this political stunt.”

“I sincerely hope my Republican colleagues will read their own bill and consider these serious ramifications as we take this vote tonight.”

H.R. 2 clearly states that the health care reform law would be repealed and “restored or revived as if such Act had not been enacted.”